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Quick Read

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Retirees host luncheon

The Association of Retired Members of the Armed Forces in Belgium will host a luncheon at 12:30 pm, Sept. 17, at the restaurant Moulin de la Hunelle, 90 Rue d'Ath in Chièvres.

All U.S. military retirees and guests are invited. All-inclusive meal for • 28. For more information or to make reservations call 065/35-1721.

IMA-E

Hurricane Katrina

Many Installation Management Agency – Europe employees and family members have inquired on how they can help victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Providing assistance

The best way to help victims is donations. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has a website (http://www.fema.gov/press/2005/resources_katrina.shtm) listing organizations accepting monetary donations. These organizations normally use funds locally which helps needed supplies get to victims much quicker.

AKO has also come out with a Hurricane Katrina website.

Reaching loved ones

Currently, the American Red Cross has issued a minimize on Disaster Welfare Inquiries. When the minimize is lifted, the Red Cross can then initiate a message. People in Europe should call their local Red Cross for more information.

80th ASG to become

USAG Benelux Oct. 1

The 80th Area Support Group will change its name to the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Oct. 1, as part of the Installation Management Agency-Europe's standardization of garrison elements worldwide.

Other 80th ASG units going through similar transition, the NATO Support Activity will become USAG Brussels, the 254th Base Support Battalion will become USAG Schinnen and SHAPE will continue to be supported by Chièvres Garrison.

Teaming Together

Taking care of Soldiers

By J.D. Hardesty

ANTWERP - Soldiers from the 838th Transportation Battalion supporting port contingency operations for U.S. Army, Europe, here, recently moved into new digs, a \$5 million modular housing complex contracted by USAG Benelux to replace the temporary tent facilities.

"The USAG Benelux contracted the housing and provides quality of life support to the Soldiers - all under one roof," said Lt. Col. Scott Glass, USAG Benelux director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. "Everything they need is less than 100 yards away from their rooms."

The only comment Spec. Baldomero Garcia-Gomez had about his new home was, "I wish we had a little bit more time off to see more of Belgium."

Beside living accommodations for up to 250 people, the modular build-out is an all-in-place housing complex with laundry and exercise facilities, an internet cafe, mail room service, two medics and a dining facility. In addition to the housing facility, USAG Benelux Morale, Welfare and Recreation are supporting the operations.



PHOTO: J.D. Hardesty

Computers designed as an internet cafe, exercise equipment, televisions and other furnishings are provided to Soldiers from the 838th Transportation Battalion supporting port contingency operations in Antwerp by USAG Benelux's Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Land Combat Expo to highlight international partner GWOT contributions, latest in military technology

HEIDELBERG, Germany—The Land Combat Expo, the United States Army, Europe's premier professional development forum, will be Sept. 21 through 23 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion, in Heidelberg, Germany.

The theme is: USAREUR - At War Today and Transforming for the Future. It's designed to showcase USAREUR and its international partners' contributions to the Global War on Terrorism and plans for the future. The very latest

in military technology will be featured along with numerous displays. Additionally, guest speakers and engaging seminars are scheduled for Soldiers, civilians and family members.

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Seminars

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Noon to 1 p.m.: 1st AD - "The Art of Reconstitution" (Madison Room); 1st ID CSC - "Medical Support for Convoy Operations" (Hamilton Room)

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.: 1st ID HQ - "Operation Baton Rouge" (Hamilton Room); 7th ATC - "Training Lessons Learned for Iraq and Afghanistan" (Madison Room)

3 to 4 p.m.: 1st AD - "Pre-deployment Training in Germany: Maintaining the Full-Spectrum Edge" (Williamsburg Room 1); SETAF - "Future of Our Forces: CJTF-76 Rewriting Doctrine in OEF-6" (Madison Room)

3 to 4:30 p.m.: Military Family Seminar: 8 Habits of Successful Marriage (Hamilton Room)

Thursday, Sept. 22

Noon to 1 p.m.: 1st AD - "Torgau 05: Iron Soldiers Training with Russian Land Forces" (Madison Room); 40th DIV Kosovo - "Peace Enforcement Operations in Kosovo" (Hamilton Room)

Land Combat Expo

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.: 1st AD - "Romex 05: Iron Soldiers Training with Our Newest NATO Partners in Romania" (Hamilton Room); 21st TSC - "Support Command Lessons Learned from Afghanistan" (Madison Room)

3 to 4 p.m.: 7th ARCOM - "7th ARCOM Support to GWOT: Serving an Army and Nation at War" (Williamsburg Room 1); 1st AD - "Immediate Response 05: Iron Soldiers Training with NATO Partners in Bulgaria" (Madison Room)

3 to 4:30 p.m.: Military Family Seminar: 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens (Hamilton Room)

Friday, Sept. 23

9 to 10 a.m.: EUCOM - "Non-lethal Weapons Program" (Hamilton Room)

10 to 11 a.m.: 1st ID HQ - "Battlefield Circulation" (Hamilton Room); 7th ATC - "Training Lessons Learned for Iraq

and Afghanistan" (Madison Room)

Noon to 1 p.m.: 1st AD - "1st Armored Division's Iron Warrior Program: Every Soldier a Warrior" (Madison Room); 1st ID ENG - "Combat Engineer Operations in Iraq" (Hamilton Room)

3 to 4 p.m.: 1st AD - "From Combat to Transformation and Back" (Williamsburg Room 1); 95th MP BN, 21st TSC - "Operation Iraqi Freedom II: A Military Police Perspective" (Madison Room)

3 to 4:30 p.m.: Military Family Seminar: 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families (Hamilton Room)

Every Day

2:45 to 4:45 p.m.: Company Command.com Seminar - "Company and Platoon Level Lessons Learned: OEF, OIF & GWOT" (Presidential Room)



Winter deployments require extra caution

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Army Family Action Plan

Fiscal Year 2006 Cycle

1. The USAREUR Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) conference cycle starts in October 2005 and runs through March 2006. Within those 6 months, area support groups (ASGs) and base support battalions (BSBs) will solicit issues and hold local conferences.

2. The USAREUR AFAP Conference will take place next year from 12 through 15 June 2006 at the Village Pavilion, Patrick Henry Village, in Heidelberg, Germany. Each ASG may submit up to 15 issues for

consideration at this conference.

3. Army families are strong and resilient. The Global War on Terrorism, however, presents a constant challenge to these families and to Army family readiness programs. The AFAP continues to meet these challenges by adopting new strategies to help families stay strong. Local conferences in the months ahead will give you an opportunity to ensure that your issues are heard.

4. I encourage you to be a part of the AFAP process



Gen. B. B. Bell

and make our great Army even better. Starting this October, solicit issues from throughout the ASGs and the BSBs, be a delegate, or volunteer to work at your local AFAP conference. This is your program. Contact your local Army Community Service Center or AFAP program manager for more information on the AFAP.

B. B. BELL
General, US Army
Commanding

Constitution Day: *The birthday of our government*

Most Americans know that July 4th is our nation's birthday. Far fewer Americans know that Sept. 17th is the birthday of our government, the date in 1787 on which delegates to the Philadelphia Convention completed and signed the U.S. Constitution.

The ideas on which America was founded—commitments to the rule of law, limited government and the ideals of liberty, equality and justice—are embodied in the Constitution, the oldest written constitution of any nation on Earth. Constitution Day is intended to celebrate not only the birthday of our government, but the ideas that make us Americans.

U.S. Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia accomplished a long-standing goal, passing a law designating Sept. 17th as Constitution Day. Schools and federal agencies are required to hold educational programs on the Constitution on Constitution Day.

The National Constitution Center, with a rich and devoted group of partners is



committed to helping you create a meaningful program for Constitution Day. This website is a marketplace of educational materials and programming tools for use on Constitution Day. Our hope is that a deeper appreciation and understanding of our nation's founding document will spread through families, organizations and communities.



'Tanks in Town'

A splendidly restored Sherman M32 Armored Recovery Vehicle and an M36 'Jackson' tank destroyer convoy on the square of Jemappes, close to Mons Aug. 28 celebrating the liberation of the Belgian city 61 years ago as part the annual "Tanks in Town" event.

An average of 30 tanks are on display (with tank rides available) Saturday each year in Ghlin, followed by a convoy of tanks and a convoy of other American WWII restored military vehicles on Sunday with the final destination the Mons Main Square.

PHOTO: courtesy Alain HENRY de FRAHAN

Calendar SHAPE/Chièvres

The SHAPE Basketball Team is hosting tryouts Saturday at the Chièvres Air Base Community Activity Center from 11a.m.-1pm. Saturday's session will focus on preparing for the SACEUR's Tournament Sept. 29. Call DSN: 423-3858.

Rendez-Vous with French, Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m.-Noon, Hotel Le Maisières, DSN 366-6252.

Pre-School Story Time, Sept. 20 at 10 a.m., SHAPE International Library, DSN 423-6042.

Breastfeeding Support Group, Sept. 20, 10-11 a.m., SHAPE Health Clinic, WIC Overseas Office, DSN 423-5971.

CYS Classes: *Early Childhood Music classes* for children ages 2 months to 4 years, at the Child Development Center on SHAPE. *Jazz Dance classes* for children ages 8 years and up, Mondays, SHAPE Elementary School Gym. *Hip Hop Dance classes* for children grades 1-12, Tuesdays, SHAPE Elementary School Gym. *Children's Bowling classes* for ages 6-9 years, Tuesdays, SHAPE Pizza Bowl. For info call DSN 423-3874.

Headstart (free) French Language Orientation Course starts Monday, Sept. 19 until Sept. 30, 1:30-4:30p.m. at the

SHAPE Education Center.

Learning About Belgium program, Sept. 26, 27, 29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each day, International Community Club. Call DSN 423-4269 or 065.44.4269.

Job Opportunities Workshop, Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-12p.m., ACS, SHAPE. Free help with job search, resume and resumix. Call DSN 423-4904.

Childbirth Education Class, Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m. at the SHAPE Healthcare Facility, 2nd floor conference room. DSN 423-3321.

Page Turners' Book Discussion Group, Sept. 21, 5:30 p.m., SHAPE International Library. DSN 423-5767.

AFTB Course: Adapting to Change / Dealing with Stress, Sept. 29, 5-8 p.m., ACS Bldg. 318, Conference Room, SHAPE, DSN 423-5425.

SHAPE Entertainment Center presents: "An Evening with Kander & Ebb," Sept. 29 & 30, 7:30 p.m., DSN 423-8241.

Trips & Tours: Sept. 18 - Tongeren Antique Market & Rug Store, Belgium; Sept. 24 - Horseback Riding Trip in Chaleux; Sept. 24 - Mosel Wine Tour, France; Sept. 24 - Comedy Club Brussels; Sept. 30 - London Weekend. Call DSN 423-3884.

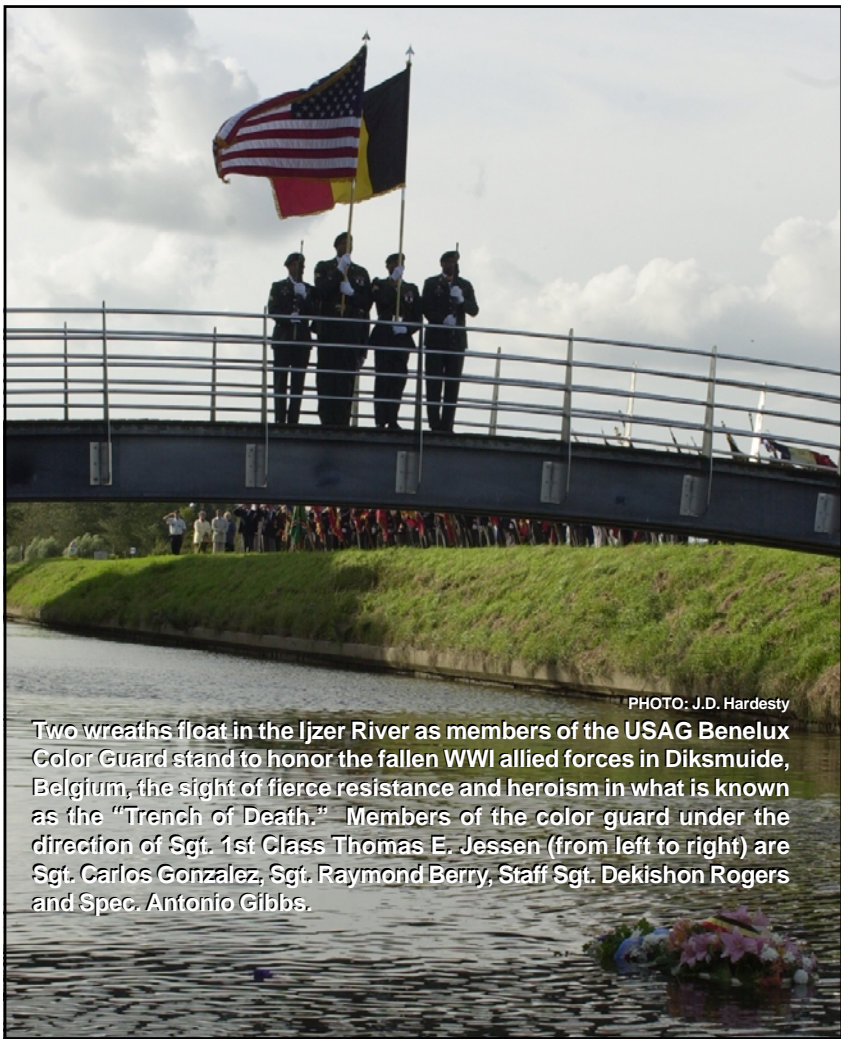


PHOTO: J.D. Hardesty
Two wreaths float in the Ijzer River as members of the USAG Benelux Color Guard stand to honor the fallen WWI allied forces in Diksmuide, Belgium, the sight of fierce resistance and heroism in what is known as the "Trench of Death." Members of the color guard under the direction of Sgt. 1st Class Thomas E. Jessen (from left to right) are Sgt. Carlos Gonzalez, Sgt. Raymond Berry, Staff Sgt. Dekishon Rogers and Spec. Antonio Gibbs.

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The Expo is designed to showcase USAREUR and its international partner's contributions to the Global War on Terrorism and plans for the future. The very latest in military technology will also be highlighted.

International partner nations that will have displays this year include Germany, Italy, Poland, United Kingdom, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Romania and Turkey.

In addition to tanks, armored vehicles and helicopters on display, the Stryker armored vehicle, complete with a combat-experienced crew, will make its debut at the Expo. A key part of the USAREUR transformation, the Stryker will soon become a part of the Army's inventory in Europe.

Nearly 250 weapons manufacturers, military hardware manufacturers, Army commands, associations, veterans groups and among other orga-

nizations will fill a massive fest tent with displays.

The Expo's professional development portion is designed to offer Soldiers, leaders, civilian employees and family members a multi-dimensional experience. Featured speakers will address a wide variety of topics, including recent and current military operations, civilian employee career-related topics and conduct timely, relevant military family seminars.



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USAG Brussels Tri-Mission News

Pickett assumes Brussels' top enlisted spot

By J.D. Hardesty

BRUSSELS - Changes are already being made as the NATO Support Activity transitions to the U.S. Army Garrison Brussels Oct. 1.

The garrison that supports three missions in the Brussels area named its first sergeant major recently.

Sgt. Maj. Christopher W. Pickett took over the top enlisted post Aug. 31 in a promotion and assumption of responsibility ceremony here.

"Sgt. Maj. Pickett is a leader of troops, a leader of sergeants and a leader of Soldiers," said Col. Dean A. Nowowiejski, commander of the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux. "He is a Soldiers' Soldier."

"Pickett is someone who has deployed around the world in combat, his family has made sacrifices and now he has risen to the highest enlisted rank in the Army full of tradition, meaning and respect," he said. "I look forward to his joining our leadership team. It shows where we are going is in a positive direction."

Pickett, who has served and supported such operations as Golden Pheasant, Joint Task Force Bravo, Just Cause and Desert Shield/Desert Storm as well as tours in Bosnia and Iraq during his career, joins Lt. Col. Patrick J. Kilroy, who took over NSA Brussels command reins in June. As NSA transitions into USAG Brussels, the two will continue to pro-

vide leadership, support and service to the joint services within the Department of Defense, state department -- all Americans serving in the Brussels area.

"The community at Brussels and the strength of this command has grown over time," Nowowiejski said. "No longer do they miss the most senior noncommissioned officer leadership in the command. A sergeant major can do what no one else can do. Teaming with Lt. Col. Kilroy, they can get things done for the community."

Expectations are high for the garrisons newly pinned top enlisted soldier, but his leadership resume shows he is up to the task.

Prior to his arrival here, Pickett served as the first sergeant for the 82nd Military Police Company at Fort Bragg, N.C. Under his leadership the 82nd MP Co. was recognized with the J.P. Holling Award as the best military police company in Forces Command and in the Army for 2004.



Sgt. Maj. Pickett

"He's always been somewhere in my chain of command, said Sgt. Lee Aldridge, who is one of four former 82nd MPs to currently serve in Belgium. "From Fort Bragg to Baghdad to Brussels, I've done a lot of push-ups for him."

"He is always a soldier who earns your respect, whether he is serving as a senior jump master or working as a first sergeant, he is al-

ways somewhere in the mix doing the right thing."

Other Soldiers he served with in the

there the very next day working with me to overcome possible fears...he won't let any Soldier fail."

Pickett, downplayed the importance of his new position or the compliments his former troops used to describe him.

"The 82nd MP Co., and the Soldiers I served with was a leader's dream," he said. "What leader wouldn't want to be recognized with his Soldiers as being the best at what they do?"

"While it might be unique that I am the first sergeant major here, that doesn't matter," he said. "All that really matters is that Soldiers are here. Leadership positions always exist, I'm just the first one for this garrison."

"For 38 years there has never been a senior top enlisted advisor for our community to represent Soldier and command issues," said Lt. Col. Patrick J. Kilroy, commander of USAG Brussels. "He is the voice in Brussels for NCO and Soldier welfare."

"He is the first one," Kilroy said. "As

"Sgt. Maj. Pickett won't let a Soldier fail!"

Spec. Anna Wear and Spec. Joshua Plante commenting on the time they served with Pickett in the 82nd M.P. Co.

82nd used other accolades to describe their former first sergeant.

"He helped me a lot with jumping," said Spec. Anna Wear, another former MP under Pickett's tutelage. "He took the time to talk with my dad and helped me build confidence. Anything he could give, he gave, included inspiration."

Wear and fellow former 82nd MP from Fort Bragg, Spec. Joshua Plante echoed about their former first sergeant, "He won't let you fail!"

Plante described how he had a complete malfunction of his parachute during one of his training jumps. "He was

a 'green tab' wearer, he is not just a sergeant major, he is the embodiment of the Army's commitment to the Brussels joint-service community."

Kilroy added of his top enlisted advisor, "He speaks with command authority. Prior to having a sergeant major that hasn't been the case. When a sergeant major speaks with command authority...leadership listens."

"In a joint service community, Pickett will represent all enlisted service-members," he said. They have a voice in command channels with the command authority."



USAG Brussels Local Calendar

Immunizations at NATO Health Clinic are available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Three-Star Lounge - Friday Right Arm Nights: first Friday of the month as of 5 p.m. **Sunday Football Nights:** every Sunday, 7 p.m. September 16: Closed until 8 p.m. for the Info Fair; Sept. 17: Hispanic Night; Sept. 22: Movie Night - "Hitch" (PG-13) at 7 p.m.; Sept. 23: Pool Tournament, starting at 9 p.m.; Sept. 24: Oldies Night; Sept. 29: Movie Night - "Alexander" (R) at 7 p.m.

Brussels Community Information Fair is Sept. 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; and 4-8 p.m.; at the USAG Brussels

Chapel area, in Three Star Lounge, and the Performing Arts Center. Info: DSN 368-9729.

T'ai Chi, a five-element, 10-week course that includes exercising, stretching, breathing and meditation is being offered in Brussels from Oct. 4 to Dec. 8, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Cost \$30. No prior knowledge of any martial art is necessary. Call 02 717-9753 to register or for more information.

Free Computer Classes - The Community Computer Lab for Tri-Mission family members (with ID card) seeking employment and willing to learn the skills necessary to use computer pro-

grams. The following basic courses are being offered.

- **MS-Word:** Sept. 19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

- **MS-Excel:** Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

- **MS-Power Point & MS-Outlook:** Sept. 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- **MS-Access:** Sept. 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. To register call ACS at 02 717-9783.

Refill Pharmacy - The SHAPE Healthcare Facility prescription refill service is available to TRICARE beneficiaries in the Brussels community at the Chièvres AAFES Base Exchange. Call refills in prior to noon Fridays, pickup service available 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays. Call 065-44-5981 for more info.

Brussels APO News

The post office is always looking for volunteers. Those interested in volunteering should talk to the APO postmaster, then, see the NSA volunteer coordinator.

APO 'Express Mail cutoff times are established to ensure mail delivered before cutoff time is properly loaded and manifested. All mail not meeting the cutoff time will be manifested the next business day. Cutoff times are U.S. Embassy, 9:30 a.m.; NATO Headquarters, 10:30 a.m.; USAG-Brussels/NSA, 11:30 a.m.

Appointment service is available for customers with 5 or more packages. Call 02-717-9718 for information.

Postal patrons on leave or temporary duty status are required to fill out DD FORM 2258 Temporary Mail Disposition instruction at their APO.

USAG Schinnen Tri-Border News

USAG Schinnen celebrates anniversary of 'Women's Right to Vote'



Capt. Christel Helquist, left, talks to Ruby Ervin about women's struggle for equality and its impact on women pilots in the U.S. Air Force.

Members of the Tri-Border community celebrated Women's Equality Day, commemorating the anniversary of 'Women's right to vote' with a luncheon Aug. 26, at the International Inn, Brunssum, The Netherlands.

The U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen's special emphasis program sponsored the event, which marked the 85th anniversary of the signing of the 19th Amendment.

U.S. Air Force Capt. Christel Helquist, an instructor and evaluator pilot, NATO E-3A Airborne Warning and Control Squadron (AWACS) Squadron One, NATO Air Base, Geilenkirchen, Germany, was guest

speaker for the event.

Helquist, a 1998 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, spoke of the women who struggled for the right to vote and continued by talking about the female aviation trailblazers who helped paved the way for female aviators today.

"At around the same time, women were entering cockpits," said Helquist, a native of Hales Corners, Wis. "Harriet Quimby was the first woman to earn her pilots license in 1911. Her brother taught her to fly, until he died in a plane crash.

"Because of all the commotion about her flying, she would fly in the mornings and disguise herself as a man so she wouldn't be as visible," said Helquist. "Her instructors

knew she was a woman, but once she got in the aircraft it took her out of the spotlight a little. She crossed the English Channel in 1912."

Helquist noted other women aviators such as Amelia Earhart, the first woman to fly across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and Jackie Cochran and Nancy Love who started the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASPS). They were asked to demonstrate to the men that the P-39, a pursuit plane they dubbed 'the flying coffin', was safe.

"These women flew every aircraft in the military arsenal from 1942 - 1944, to include the P-51 and B-25," said Helquist. "These women laid the ground

work for present day aviation heavy hitters like, Lt. Col. Eileen Collins, who entered pilot training at Vance Air Force Base, Okla. and flew the T-38 IP, cargo aircraft, while she was a math instructor at the USAF Academy. Collins was the first woman to pilot a space shuttle in 1995, and became the first woman to command a shuttle mission."

Helquist mentioned two other women pilots who helped her to achieve her goals, Capt. Kim Cambo and Nicole Malokowski.

Cambo, is a 1997 USAF Academy graduate, whose A-10 aircraft was hit while flying over Baghdad during a close air support mission and landed safely even with a hydraulic fluid loss. Malokowski, a 1996 graduate of the academy, is a Thunderbird pilot, and a former F-15E pilot from Lakenheath Air Base in England, who recently returned from Iraqi Freedom.

Helquist also mentioned Maj. Debbie Barts, one of her tennis coaches while she was at the academy.

"Barts was a 135 pilot and is now a 737 captain for United Airlines in San Francisco," said Helquist. "She gave me the book 'Ladybirds II', which I used as a source for today's talk. She told me 'Christel, you have to remember the history, the history of the women before you who made it possible for you to stand up here and be able to fly today.' So, I thank her for that," she said. "I also thank my husband who helped me with slides for this presentation," Helquist concluded.

Women's Equality Day has been celebrated officially for the past 34 years, by reflecting back on those women who fought and struggled for women's right to vote. We commemorate their spirit, their legacy and celebrate our equality and our right to vote.

276 computers deployed with minimum downtime

Members of the 39th Signal Battalion were honored in an awards ceremony Aug. 24, for the deployment of 276 new computers throughout the facilities of the USAG Schinnen community.

The award cited their 'exemplary efforts and attention to detail which ensured minimal impact and downtime on the 39th Signal Bn.'s customer service desk operation while maintaining the integrity of the project and the highest standard of customer support.'

The computers were received March 15 and deployed May 1 through July 15.

According to Harry Reinders, Tier III specialist, time was taken at the beginning of the project to create a uniform USAG profile on each computer to maximize the service of the PC and minimize the time required for setup.

"The goal was to deploy the computers throughout the garrison with as little impact and down time on the customers as possible," said Reinders.

Members of 39th Signal accomplished the mission and maintained

normal operations and service with seemingly no impact on the community. During the on-going deployment, they also had to accomplish a hard-drive wash on all old computers before turning them in.

"I have been here five years and this is one of the largest projects undertaken by the 39th Signal Battalion here at Schinnen," said Reinders.

According to Mike Head, information management officer for the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, who also participated in the project, 90 percent of the work was completed by Harry Reinders, Mike Rhodes and Charles McClain, 39th Signal information technology specialists.

Other USAG Schinnen members involved were Connie Andrews, Ben Martens and summer hire Dwayne McCall. The computers were distributed throughout Schinnen, Treebeek, AFNORTH Battalion, the Uncle Sam Store and CIF.

The team thanked the end users for their help by being available and prepared for the switch-out when their



PHOTO: Mike Rhodes

Charles McClain, left, and Harry Reinders, right, work on new computers that were distributed to the USAG Schinnen community.

computers were ready.

"The project was a resounding success," said Head, "and a difficult project

was made easier through everyone's cooperation right down to the end users."



USAG Schinnen Tri-Border News

Volunteer coordinator has passion for volunteering

By Sylvia Bowron

U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen Army Community Services Volunteer Coordinator Teri Ryan received the commander's civilian achievement award, Aug. 24, at the garrison awards ceremony by Lt. Col. Rick Richardson, garrison commander. Richardson commended Ryan for not only managing the services of both military and civilian volunteers, but also for her assertiveness in ensuring that the volunteers are recognized for their hours of work.

Richardson continued by thanking Ryan for the contributions she herself has given to the Schinnen and Tri-border community sighting some of the many things she volunteered her time for. "At any community event," Richardson said, "you will see Teri working, setting things up and helping in any way she can. She basically volunteers to help out in every function, which takes a lot of her time."

For those who don't know Ryan personally, she is a huge contributor of volunteer hours herself. Everywhere she goes she volunteers. She loves being involved; being part of the community and likes to see the smiles on people's faces when something turns out great. Ryan attributes her passion for volunteering to her father.

"My dad is a very hard working man," she said, "even though he is well passed his retirement age. He has worked all his life and is still working. He worked all day long and was a volunteer police officer. He also has a very strong work ethic I take after him in that respect."

"Volunteering is just my nature," said Ryan. "It's something I like to do; I like to help out. Someone will say, we need to do this, and I'll say I can do that."

Last year Ryan was registrar for the Girl Scouts and she has been an active participant in the American Spouses

Club since arriving in the Netherlands. Ryan has been involve in many projects at AFNORTH International School and is a certified, Red Cross instructor for CPR and first aid. She recertifies every year.

"Just being part of a function or activity that created happiness makes me happy," Ryan said. "I have done the Trunk or Treat celebration, helped out with the Easter planning, Month of the Military Child and Domestic Violence Awareness month, tree lighting ceremony, anything that MWR puts on I usually like to participate in. And they know to come to me because I like it. But, Mrs. Claus is my greatest achievement," she said with a twinkle in her eye.

In September 2001, she was hired to work a contract job for Army Family Team Building/Army Family Action Plan. "I worked both jobs for a year," she said.

"Our volunteer coordinator left, and I applied for her position and was hired in October 2002, as volunteer coordinator," said Ryan. "Basically it entailed keeping track of volunteers within the community, track their volunteer hours, register them and find other volunteer job opportunities. Eventually, facilities would come to me when they needed a volunteer, and I would search a volunteer out. There are other administrative things behind the scenes but that's what my job entailed. And of course, there is also the volunteer recognition program," she added.

"I don't like to sit back and do nothing," said Ryan. "I like to put everything of myself into the task that I am doing. So I took the program and changed some things around. I demanded more from the volunteers than the other coordinator did."

"I made them more conscious of what they were doing and told them how important it was to turn in their volunteer hours," said the native of



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Teri Ryan, left, serves food at the 254th Base Support Battalion Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebration.

Sarasota, Fla." It justifies why we have a volunteer program. We have such a small community here, but if you look at all the volunteers and all the things that they do, you need a volunteer coordinator to be able to do that, and recognize their contributions.

"I think I've got the best job on this post because I am actually working with people who want to be here. People who do what they're doing and do it well," she said proudly. "I think that the recognition ceremony is the time where they get to shine. I don't think I talk enough about the volunteers at the volunteer ceremony."

"They are such an important part of this community, or any community, because without them that community wouldn't function," said Ryan. "Half the things that go on in this community are run by volunteers. Without them, it just wouldn't happen."

"Like the volunteers at the school; chaperons for school events; youth services sports - wouldn't happen, those are all volunteer coaches."

"Thrift Shop volunteers are not paid

to be there. There is one paid manager and a bookkeeper; the rest are volunteers. Now the manager does work hard, but it's a volunteer who runs the thrift shop," Ryan said. "The American Spouses Club, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts - those things wouldn't happen if it weren't for the volunteers, so I think that the recognition that is given isn't enough. They're very important people."

Ryan left Schinnen Aug. 31, to accompany her husband to their new duty station in SHAPE, Belgium. "Teri's contributions will be greatly missed," stated Richardson "She will be missed by her co-workers at ACS, her many friends, as well as the Schinnen community. Ryan added a dynamic that will be hard to replace but her legacy and her contributions will be felt for years."

Ryan said, "If you take away the volunteers, they would leave a significant void within the community." Taking Ryan out of the Schinnen community will leave a void here in our community, but the SHAPE community will gain a great worker and a willing volunteer.

The 254th Base Support Battalion transitions to U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen Oct. 1, and will host a ceremony and community-wide picnic Oct. 14, beginning at 11 a.m. to mark this historic occasion.

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'The Beat Goes On'

Representing the U.S. Air Force, Tops in Blue will perform a free concert at the Sporthal Rumpen, Brunssum Sept. 29, at 7 p.m.

Doors will open at 6 p.m.

For more information call 0049-2451-63-4952 or 0031-45-526-2672.

Land Combat Expo

U.S. Army-Europe Land Combat Expo will be held Sept. 21-23, at Village Pavilion, Patrick Henry Village, Heidelberg Germany. For more information go to www.expo.hqusaareur.army.mil/home.htm.

Combined Federal Campaign

The overseas Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for FY 2005/2006 begins Oct. 3 – Dec. 15.

Donors may designate a charity or charities to receive their money by filling out a pledge card. Donations may be in cash, check or by payroll deduction. CFC officials said that on average, one in four federal employees or their dependents will benefit from the campaign charities this year.

Many of the national organizations currently involved in the relief efforts are also CFC charities. In response to inquiries by federal employees and agencies for ways to help immediately with Hurricane Katrina disaster relief efforts through CFC, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has a downloadable CFC pledge card.

For your convenience, a list of the CFC participating charities identified by FEMA as involved in disaster relief efforts have been provided in addition to the complete list of national CFC participating charities in the event donors wish to give to additional charities.

For more information on CFC call DSN 360-7305 or check the CFC web site www.opm.gov/cfc.

AAFES and DeCA community forum

USAG Schinnen will hold a community forum to voice customer viewpoints on availability of products, facilities hours and overall general service of the Schinnen Army Air Force Exchange Service and commissary on Oct. 5 at 3 p.m. at the Army Community Service Center. Representatives from AAFES and the commissary will be available to answer concerns from the Schinnen community.

This forum will be held continue to be held on the first Wednesday of every month. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information call DSN 360-7450 or DSN 360-1520.

Foggy Fields Bazaar

The annual Foggy Fields Bazaar, hosted by the American Women of Geilenkirchen, will be held in Hangar 4 at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Hours are: Friday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The bazaar is open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders and their guests.

The bazaar features vendors from around the world who will be selling items such as Polish pottery, Turkish carpets, clocks, antiques, jewelry, and much more. Old favorites, as well as, many new vendors will be attending. All profits support programs in the military community.

AAFES honors those 'Still Serving'

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will hold a special weekend event Sept. 16-18 to honor the service of those who have officially retired from the military, but who are 'Still Serving' as role models, as leaders in the community, and as champions of liberty and freedom around the world.

There will be drawings for a limited edition Hummel along with money saving coupons for the retirees to be used on these dates. Refreshments will

be served throughout the day on Sept. 16.

52nd Services Eifel Holiday Bazaar

The 52nd Services Eifel Holiday Bazaar, hosted by the Spangdahlem Officers' and Civilians' spouses clubs will be held Nov. 18-20 in Hangars 1 and 2. Hours are: Friday, Nov. 18, from 1-7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 20 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. All proceeds benefit the local military community.

The event which features over 150 vendors selling and is open to all U.S. and NATO Forces ID card holders. Because of the large attendance and for patron safety, the clubs request NO strollers.

Trunk or Treat

Halloween is just around the corner and it's time to get ready for Trunk or Treat festivities. Stop by Army Community Services and fill out the registration form. You will then be assigned a spot once all the registration forms have come in.

Call DSN 360-7451 or 0031 (0)46 443-7451 or 7500 for information or registration.

Motorcycle Safety course offered

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation Experienced Riders One- Day Course will be held Sept., 21 and 28; Oct. 5 and 19, and Nov. 2 and 23, from 7 a.m. to noon.

These courses will be held at the JFC Brunssum sports field (Slag Heap) parking lot. For reservations and information call DSN 360-7313 (comm. 0031-46-443-7313) or 360-7329 (comm. 0031 (0)46 443-7329).

Mass Casualty Exercise

USAG Schinnen will conduct a Mass Casualty Exercise Oct. 3, from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. Expect delays at the main gate and plan accordingly.



JFC Alliance Theater

Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m. *High Tension*, starring Cecile de France, Maiween LeBesco. Rated R, 85 min. Two worlds collide disastrously – a rusted delivery van barrels through cornfields; meanwhile, Alex has brought her friend Marie to spend the weekend at her parents' country farmhouse to escape the hectic pace of Paris. At the end of the road lies an isolated house, caught in the van's headlight; as the girls close their eyes, an intruder is about to turn their innocent dreams into a relentless and bloody nightmare.

Sept. 17, 4 p.m. *Fantastic Four*, starring Michael Chiklis, Jessica Alba. Rated PG-13, 106 min. When an experimental space voyage goes awry, four

people are changed by cosmic rays. Reed, inventor and leader of the group gains the ability to stretch his body. His girlfriend Sue, gains the ability to turn invisible and create force fields. Her younger brother Johnny gains the ability to control fire. Pilot Ben is turned into a super-strong rock creature.

7 p.m. *The Island*, starring Ewan McGregor, Scarlett Johanson. Rated PG-13, 127 min. Lincoln is a resident of a seemingly utopian but contained facility in the mid 21st century. Like all the inhabitants of his carefully controlled environment, Lincoln hopes to be chosen to go to "The Island" – reportedly the last uncontaminated spot on the planet. But Lincoln soon discovers that

everything about his existence is a lie. **Sept. 18, 1 p.m. *Madagascar***, Animated: Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, Jada Pinkett Smith, David Schwimmer. Rated PG, 80 min. Alex the lion, Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe, and Gloria the hippo have spent their whole lives living happily in a zoo. Then Marty falls in with a crowd of devious penguins, who bring him along in their escape attempt. When Alex realizes his friend is missing, he leads a company of critters on a search that takes them all outside the zoo for the first time.

Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m. *The Devil's Rejects*, starring Sid Haig, Bill Moseley. Rated R, 101 min. The unthinkable horror and chaos continues a few weeks after the events depicted in "House of 1000 Corpses", as the murderous Firefly family is forced on the lam after a bloody showdown at their home. With their story all over the news, the Firefly

family continues their soulless killing spree.

Sept. 24, 4 p.m. *Bad News Bears*, starring Billy Bob Thornton, Greg Kinnear. Rated PG-13, 111 min. Morris, a former pro baseball player, was ejected from the game for attacking an umpire and now works as an exterminator. Morris is lured back into the game by Liz, an attorney whose class action suit has forced the Little League to accept all players. As the new coach of the Bears, Morris has his work cut out for him.

7:30 p.m. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, starring Johnny Depp, Freddie Highmore. Rated PG-13, 116 min. Charlie Bucket, a boy from an impoverished family under the shadow of a giant chocolate factory, wins a candy bar contest and is given a tour, along with four other children, of the amazing factory run by the eccentric Willy Wonka and his staff of Oompa-Loompas.